# STATE OF ILLINOIS **COMMERCE COMMISSION PUBLIC UTILITIES MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2006 BENCH MEETING**

Pursuant to Section 2.02 of the Open Meetings Act, a Bench Meeting of the Commerce Commission was convened by Chairman Box at 10:30 a.m. on July 12, 2006 in the Chicago Office of the Commission. Present were: Commissioners Ford, Lieberman, O'Connell-Diaz, Wright and Chairman Box.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The following minutes were adopted:

May 31, 2006 Special Open Meeting May 31, 2006 Electric Policy Meeting June 1, 2006 Special Open Meeting

June 1, 2006 Public Forum Policy Meeting

June 6, 2006 Pre-Bench Meeting June 6, 2006 Electric Policy Meeting

June 7, 2006 Bench Meeting June 28, 2006 Bench Meeting

Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz made a Motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Wright seconded the Motion. All present voted age on the Motion.

#### **Electric**

E-1 Illinois Commerce Commission 03-0056

On Its Own Motion

Proceeding to monitor the ongoing development of the marketplace for Commonwealth Edison Customers.

This item will be considered at the July 26<sup>th</sup> Bench meeting.

#### This item was HELD - No Action Taken

E-2 05-0597 Commonwealth Edison Company

Proposed general increase in rates for delivery service.

(Tariffs filed on August 31, 2005)

Topics of discussion included: ALJs Dolan and Haloulos followed up on the questions posed by the Commissioners at the July 11<sup>th</sup> Pre-bench meeting regarding ComEd's current capital structure; ComEd's current capital structure is not straightforward due to

the changing factors of acquired debt and pension asset contributions; previously, ComEd had been receiving a return on the 2001 divestiture of a nuclear power plant; in this docket, they are requesting \$2 billion in goodwill to be added to capital assets; Staff said this is problematic since the Company is seeking a return on equity they no longer own; Commissioners Lieberman and Wright feel this is a significant issue and look forward to expanded discussion on these issues at Oral Argument set for July 21.

E-3 06-0107 Shorewood Hospitality Services, Inc.

-VS-

Commonwealth Edison Company

Complaint as to billing/charges in Shorewood, Illinois.

#### All present voted age on the Stipulation and Joint Motion to Dismiss

E-4 06-0274 MidAmerican Energy Company

Application pursuant to Section 6-102(b) of the Public Utilities Act for an Order Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of up to \$600,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of

Long-Term Notes.

## All present voted aye on the Order Approving Application

E-5 06-0414 Monroe County Electric Co-Operative, Inc. and Illinois

Power Company d/b/a AmerenIP

Joint Petition for Approval of Request to Serve pursuant to Section 7 of the Service Area Agreement dated September 7, 1979, between Monroe County Electric Co-Operative,

Inc. and Illinois Power Company d/b/a AmerenIP.

## All present voted aye on the Order Granting Petition

E-6 06-0443 Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc.

and

Illinois Power Company

d/b/a AmerenIP

Joint Petition for Approval of Amendment No. 9 to the Service Area Agreement dated August 20, 1970, between Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Illinois Power

Company d/b/a AmerenIP.

#### All present voted aye on the Order Approving Amendment to Agreement

Gas

G-1 05-0660 Gladys Kendrick

-vs-

Northern Illinois Gas Company d/b/a Nicor Gas Company

Complaint as to billing/charges in Cook County, Illinois.

## All present voted aye on the Joint Motion to Dismiss

G-2 06-0303 Sandra Mankowski

-vs-

Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company

Complaint as to billing/charges in Chicago, Illinois.

## All present voted aye on the Joint Motion to Dismiss

G-3 06-0306 Consumers Gas Company

Petition pursuant to Section 7-101 of the Public Utilities Act seeking authority to enter an agreement for employment of an engineering company in which an affiliated interest

exists.

# All present voted aye on the Order Granting Petition

G-4 06-0354 Steven Davis

-VS-

Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company

Complaint as to billing/charges in Chicago, Illinois.

#### All present voted age on the Joint Motion to Dismiss

G-5 06-0380 Betty McAfee

-vs-

Central Illinois Light Company d/b/a AmerenCILCO Complaint as to billing/charges in Springfield, Illinois.

# All present voted aye on the Docket Entry Authorizing Dismissal of Proceeding with Prejudice

#### **Telecommunications**

#### **"Do Not Investigate" Tariff Recommendations**

T-1 TRM #1 Illinois Bell Telephone Company

Filing to modify the terms and conditions of uSelect 3

Win/Winback offering.

## All present voted aye to Not Investigate the Filing

T-2 TRM #145 Gallatin River Communications L.L.C.

Filing to increase Directory Assistance rates.

#### All present voted aye to Not Investigate the Filing

T-3 TRM #159 Illinois Bell Telephone Company

Filing to modify the credit amounts in permanent waiver

offer of IntraMSA Presubscription charge.

## All present voted aye to Not Investigate the Filing

T-4 TRM #168 Verizon North Inc.

Filing to increase Message Toll Telephone Service rates

for residential customers.

# All present voted aye to Not Investigate the Filing

T-5 TRM #169 Verizon South Inc.

Filing to increase Message Toll Telephone Service rates

for residential customers.

### All present voted aye to Not Investigate the Filing

T-6 TRM #431 Illinois Bell Telephone Company

TRM #432 Filing to introduce AT&T Business Local Calling Essentials

as an optional bundled package.

# All present voted aye to Not Investigate and Not Suspend the Filings

T-7 TRM #433 Illinois Bell Telephone Company

TRM #434 Filing to introduce additional service options to its OC-n

Dedicated Ring Service.

#### All present voted ave to Not Investigate and Not Suspend the Filings

"Do Not Suspend" Tariff Recommendations		
T-8	TRM #414	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois
	TRM #415	d/b/a Frontier Citizens Communications of Illinois
	TRM #468	Filing to introduce new bundled service offerings entitled

Small Business Advantage.

## All present voted aye to Not Suspend the Filings

#### **Investigate Tariff Recommendations**

## **Suspend Orders/Resuspension Orders**

#### **Certificate Cases**

T-9 06-0248 ACN Communication Services, Inc.

Application for a certificate of Authority to operate as a

Wireless reseller in the State of Illinois.

#### All present voted aye on the Order Granting Certificate

T-10 06-0378 Tele-Reconnect Inc.

Application for Certificate to become a

**Telecommunications Carrier** 

# All present voted aye on the Order Granting Certificate

T-11 06-0387 Elite Telnet, LLC

Application for certificate of local and interexchange authority to operate as a reseller of telecommunications.

#### All present voted age on the Order Granting Certificates

T-12 06-0438 NTS Services Corp.

Application for a certificate of local and interexchange authority to operate as a reseller or facilities based carrier of telecommunications services statewide in the State of

Illinois.

## All present voted aye on the Order Granting Certificates

#### **Surrender of Certificates**

# **Complaint Cases**

T-13 06-0239 Gerard R. McCraw

-VS-

AT&T Communications of Illinois, Inc.

Complaint as to over charges on phone bill in Chicago.

Illinois.

## All present voted aye on the Joint Motion to Dismiss

#### 9-1-1 Cases

T-14 06-0427 Village of Norridge 9-1-1 System

Petition for Approval of Modifications to the Existing 9-1-1

Emergency Telephone Number System.

#### All present voted aye on the Order Granting Petition

#### Other

T-15 06-0480 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-VS-

Acceris Communications Corp.

Citation for failure to maintain corporate status

#### All present voted age on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-16 06-0481 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-VS-

Axces, Inc. d/b/a Axces of Delaware

Citation for failure to maintain corporate status

## All present voted aye on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-17 06-0482 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-vs-

Buehner-Fry, Inc. d/b/a DirectDial USA d/b/a Resort

**Operator Services** 

Citation for failure to maintain corporate status

#### All present voted age on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-18 06-0483 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-VS-

**BuzB** Corporation

Citation for failure to maintain corporate status

#### All present voted aye on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-19 06-0484 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-VS-

Buzz Telecom, Corporation

Citation for failure to maintain corporate status

## All present voted aye on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-20 06-0485 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-vs-

Inmark, Inc. d/b/a Preferred Billing

Citation for failure to maintain corporate status

## All present voted aye on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-21 06-0486 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-vs-

McGraw Communications, Inc.

Citation for failure to maintain corporate status

### All present voted age on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-22 06-0487 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-VS-

New Century Telecom, Inc.

Citation for failure to maintain corporate status

# All present voted aye on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-23 06-0488 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-VS-

Universal Access, Inc.

Citation for failure to maintain corporate status

#### All present voted age on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-24 06-0489 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-VS-

AllCom USA, Inc.

Citation for failure to file Annual Report

## All present voted aye on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-25 06-0490 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-vs-

BAK Communications, LLC

Citation for failure to file Annual Report

# All present voted aye on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-26 06-0491 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-VS-

Cogent Communications of Illinois, Inc. Citation for failure to file Annual Report

# All present voted aye on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-27 06-0492 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-VS-

Comdata Telecommunications Services, Inc. Citation for failure to file Annual Report

## All present voted aye on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-28 06-0493 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-vs-

Communication Discount Services, Inc. Citation for failure to file Annual Report

#### All present voted age on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-29 06-0494 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-vs-

InSITE Solutions LLC d/b/a InSITE Fiber of Illinois

Citation for failure to file Annual Report

## All present voted aye on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-30 06-0495 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-VS-

Local Fiber, LLC

Citation for failure to file Annual Report

# All present voted aye on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-31 06-0496 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-vs-

PT-1 Communications, Inc.

Citation for failure to file Annual Report

## All present voted aye on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-32 06-0497 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-vs-

PT-1 Long Distance, Inc.

Citation for failure to file Annual Report

## All present voted aye on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-33 06-0498 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-VS-

Red River Networks, LLC

Citation for failure to file Annual Report

#### All present voted ave on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-34 06-0499 Illinois Commerce Commission

On Its Own Motion

-VS-

STS Connect, Inc. d/b/a Star Telecommunication Services

Citation for failure to file Annual Report

#### All present voted ave on the Order Initiating Citation Proceeding

T-35 05-0575 Illinois Bell Telephone Company

Compliance with the Requirements of 13.505.1 of the Public Utilities Act (Payphone Rates).

Topics of discussion included: ALJ Moran gave a brief overview of the case; due to a discovery dispute in this proceeding, ALJ Moran directed the parties to file comments on the scope of the docket; on April 6, she issued a Ruling on Scope and Direction; the Illinois Payphone Telecommunications Association ("IPTA") filed a Petition for Interlocutory Review, arguing it is severely limited from showing how to reconcile the differing regulatory requirements under investigation; the IPTA objects to going forward on the proposal of substituting TELRICs for LRSICs; however, the first attempt to reconcile these differences, through updating AT&T's LRSICs, proved ineffective; the IPTA proposal of further examining the LRSICs would complicate the proceeding and work against satisfying the requirements; the ALJ's Ruling stated the proceeding should go forward in exploring how substituting TELRIC for LRSIC may simultaneously address these requirements; therefore, ALJ Moran recommends denying the Petition for Interlocutory Review.

## All present voted aye to Deny the Petition for Interlocutory Review

T-36 05-0675 Illinois Bell Telephone Company

Proposed revision to the Collocation Tariffs to eliminate charges for DC power on a per kilowatt-hour basis and to

implement charging on a per amp basis.

Topics of discussion included: ALJ Gilbert gave a brief overview of the tariff modifications in this Order; CLECs are charged for electric power consumed at AT&T's collocation sites; AT&T previously imposed a per kW h charge; AT&T now maintains that its present metering system is inaccurate and does not capture all the power the CLECs consume; the proposed new tariff converts the measurement from kilowatthours to amperes; AT&T would also implement a power pre-ordering system; the parties think an improved metering system could be devised that would be a better option than AT&T's proposed pre-ordering system; ALJ Gilbert concluded that a pre-ordering system is the best available alternative presented in the record.

# All present voted aye on the Order Approving Tariff as Modified

#### Section 252

T-37 06-0307 Grafton Telephone Company

and

WirelessCo, L.P.; SprintCom, Inc.; Nextel West Corp.

Joint Petition for Approval of an Arbitrated Interconnection

Agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252.

# All present voted aye on the Order Approving Agreement

T-38 06-0308 The Marseilles Telephone Company

and

WirelessCo, L.P.; SprintCom, Inc.; Nextel West Corp.

Joint Petition for Approval of an Arbitrated Interconnection

Agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252.

# All present voted aye on the Order Approving Agreement

T-39 06-0309 Metamora Telephone Company

and

WirelessCo, L.P.; SprintCom, Inc.; Nextel West Corp.

Joint Petition for Approval of an Arbitrated Interconnection

Agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252.

#### All present voted aye on the Order Approving Agreement

T-40 06-0374 Verizon North Inc. Verizon South Inc. and Ernest

Communications, Inc.

Joint Petition for Approval pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Sections 252 (a)(1) and 252(e) of an Interconnection Agreement.

## All present voted aye on the Order Approving Agreement

T-41 06-0304 Illinois Bell Telephone Company

and

Nexus Communications, Inc.

Joint Petition for Approval of 4th Amendment to the

Interconnection Agreement dated April 13, 2006, pursuant

to 47 U.S.C. Section 252.

## All present voted aye on the Order Approving Amendment to Agreement

T-42 06-0341 Illinois Bell Telephone Company

and

CMC Telecom, Inc.

Joint Petition for Approval of 2nd Amendment to the

Interconnection Agreement dated April 13, 2006, pursuant

to 47 U.S.C. Section 252.

#### All present voted aye on the Order Approving Amendment to Agreement

T-43 06-0345 Illinois Bell Telephone Company

and US Xchange of Illinois, L.L.C.

d/b/a ChoiceOne d/b/a ChoiceOne Communications Joint Petition for Approval of 7th Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated March 31, 2006,

pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 252

#### All present voted age on the Order Approving Amendment to Agreement

T-44 06-0371 Illinois Bell Telephone Company

and

Vertex Broadband, Corp.

d/b/a AthenaTel

d/b/a Reason To Switch

d/b/a TownLink Communications

d/b/a INT Connections

Joint Petition for Approval of 3rd Amendment to

Interconnection Agreement dated May 8, 2006, pursuant

to 47 U.S.C. Section 252.

### All present voted age on the Order Approving Amendment to Agreement

T-45 06-0375 Verizon North Inc. Verizon South Inc. and Ernest

Communications, Inc.

Joint Petition for Approval of an Agreement Amending the Terms of an Interconnection Agreement pursuant to 47

U.S.C. Section 252.

#### All present voted age on the Order Approving Amendment to Agreement

# **Water and Sewer**

W-1 06-0285 Aqua Illinois, Inc.

Proposed general increase in water rates for the Kankakee

Water division. (tariffs filed February 28, 2006)

# All present voted aye on the Resuspension Order

#### Miscellaneous

# **Petitions for Rehearing**

# **Scheduling of Meetings and Other Business**

FERC Dkt. No. ER06-1112-000: Comments of the Organization of MISO States Regarding the Midwest ISO's June 6 Resource Adequacy Informational Filing

Commissioner O'Connell-Diaz made a Motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Wright seconded the Motion. All present voted aye on the Motion.

Upon return to open session, all present voted aye to authorize Commissioner Wright to vote in favor of the Comments at the July 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.